**Standstill Crude Oil Production from Ravva Off-Shore Structure**

1986. DR. Y.. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the crude oil production at the Rawa off-shore structure in the Krishna Godavari basin in Andhra Pradesh came to a standstill in February, 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the actions taken to settle the demands of local villages amicably?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir, production remained suspended between 7.2.1997 and 10.2.1997.

(b) The production was suspended as there was no free access to the Rawa terminal because of demonstration by local people in suppert of their demands.

(c) In the interest of maintaining amicable relations with the local commun ity the joint venture contractor has been providing the following facilities:

(i) "drinking water tap (ii) teachers for the local school (iii) medical facility and assistance in emergencies

In addition, the contractor companies outlined certain short term plans involving, repair and upgradation of a few roads in the area, completion of summer reservoir, providing need based job opportunities to the local people etc.

**Import and Export of Naphtha**

1987. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Naphtha is being exported from India and also imported in the country;

(b) if so, the quantities and values of export and import during the last three years and the circumstances and the justification therefor;

(c) what have been the international prices, unit value of export and import and the domestic prices of Naphtha during the above period; and

(d) to what extent the demand of various Naphtha-based industries in the country is being met from indigenous sources and to what extent Naphtha linkages have been provided to the existing/prospective user industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantity and value of export of Naphtha during the last 3 years are as under:—

| | Quantity (MMT) | Value (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 1.625 | 683.20 |
| 1994-95 | 2.249 | 1061.40 |
| 1995-96 | 2.461 | 1294.26 |

The EXIM Policy also provides for import of Naphtha without import licence for petrochemical sector subject to the condition that the return stream of Naphtha should be either sold to the crude oil refinery on commercial terms or be used as industrial feedstock for own captive consumption by the importer. The estimated quantities imported by private parties during the last three years are as under:—

| Years | Quantity (in TMT) |
|---|---|
| 1993-94 | 138 |
| 1994-95 | 389 |
| 1995-96 | 229 |

The value of imports by the private parties is decided by mutual commercial agreements between the concerned parties.